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Title:	<b>SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM</b>	Group Art Unit: 3761

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of November 7, 2005, for which reconsideration is requested, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.